

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

From Washington City.
THE HEALTH OF HON. W. R. KING—FEARS ENTER-
TAINED THAT HE WILL NOT RECOVER, ETC.
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1852.
The health of Vice President King is not improving, and

There is reason to fear that he may never become his official duties. His probable successor is already talked of. Mr. Bright, of Indiana, is pressed by the Cass, or Fremont managers of the democracy, but it seems more likely that some Southerner may receive the nomination, confidence, should a vacancy occur. Probably Mr. Atchison, of Missouri—combining both Western and Southern interests—will prove to be the man. The names of Mr. Musk, of Texas, has also been suggested.

ALBANY.

THE CABINET OF GEN. PIERCE—OPPOSITION TO FILL-
DOMSTERS—PRINTING PAPER CONTRAST, ETC.
FROM A REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, 17th Decr. 1852.

A gentleman recently from Concord, states, on the strength of an personal interview with General Pierce, that he is at present inclined to make no cabinet appointments from New England, considering that section of the country adequately represented in his own person. Charles O'Connor, of New York, was thought to stand a good chance for the Attorney Generalship. The President, however, is not inclined to make appointments, are pressing his claims to a position in the cabinet, and the Union Democrats of the South think he is fairly entitled to the distinction.

A distinguished democratic Senator from one of the Southwestern States has, we understand, decided to go against the acquisition of Cuba in any shape in which the question may come up, on the ground that it would divert planters with their slaves from Texas, and hinder the development of the resources of that State. Several democratic members of Congress, hailing from slave States bordering upon the free States, also express themselves opposed to the acquisition of Cuba, as likely to excite the passions of the people against their own State. There seems to be a strong current setting against the filibusters generally, and well informed men are of opinion that General Pierce will also take a decided stand.

The Secretary of the Interior declines deciding upon any further proposals for materials for public buildings, because he has no office, and he refers the matter to the Committee of Congress.

William A. Wheeler & Co., of New York have been awarded the contract for the fourth class of paper for the printing, as the lowest bidders, samples considered.

Secretary Conrad gave a brilliant entertainment—the first of the season—last night. About thirty members of Congress were in attendance.

William A. Bradley, Postmaster of Washington, has been confined several days by serious injuries from a fall. He is landing from a steamboat at Aquia Creek.

Mrs. Madison Conley gives a concert at Carnegie's saloon, on Monday evening. She has engaged the apartments at Willard's, formerly occupied by Jenny Lind.

THIRTY-SECOND CONGRESS.
SECOND SESSION.

Senate.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1859

The Senate was not in session to-day, that body having adjourned from Thursday till Monday.

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1852.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE REGISTERS TO CERTAIN VESSELS.

On motion of Mr. FULLER, of Maine, the House took up the Senate bill, "authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue registers, or endorsements, to wrecked vessels, foreign built, when purchased and repaired by American citizens, and when the repairs equal three-

fourths of the original cost of the vessel." This bill is general and saves the time of Congress in passing special acts. It was passed.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

Mr. HOUTSON, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy; and a bill for the support of the Indiana Department for the next year. *Referred.*

DELEGATE FROM TERRITORY, ETC.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union.

Mr. PHILLIPS of Mo., asked leave to present the memo-

trial of Abner Dodge, asking to be admitted to a seat on the floor as a delegate from Nebraska. He said he merely wished to be heard, and that he had no other mode. Mr. STANLEY asked, but did not obtain, leave to introduce a bill to pay the fourth instalment of public money to the several States entitled to the same, under the distribution act of June 30, 1874.

The House went into Committee on

THE PRIVATE CALENDAR.

Two private bills were considered, but not finally acted upon by the House.

THE MEXICAN BOUNDARY SURVEY.

The Senate Bill to amend the act of August last, in relation to the appropriation for continuing the survey of the Mexican boundary, was passed—and the House adjourned till Monday.

From the South.
THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN TRADE CONVENTION—
SAVANNAH COTTON BONDS, ETC.
 BALTIMORE, Dec. 15, 1852
 Delegates to the Southern and Western Trade Convention, to meet in this city to-morrow, are arriving in large numbers. All the Southern members of Congress have been invited, and about sixty have expressed their intention of attending. The convention sits for one day only, and closes with a grand banquet.

Two trains arrived to night from New Orleans, leaving one still due.

The Mayor of Savannah publishes a card in the papers of that city, to the effect that Savannah has no fiscal connection with the Phoenix Bank of New York; that the coupons of bonds payable in New York city are payable at the Manhattan Bank and at the City Bank and that the payment due in August last was provided for at that time.

There are no subscriptions to the Pensacola railroad in Savannah having reached \$20,000.

Cincinnati and Dayton Short Line Railroad.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18, 1852.
The ceremony of breaking ground for the Cincinnati and Dayton, (short line,) Railroad was performed to-day.

Machine Shop Burned at Meriden, Conn.
MERIDEN, CONN., Dec. 17, 1852.
The machine shop of Foster, Merriam & Co. took fire this afternoon, while most of the workmen were at supper. The fire originated in the attic which, with the upper story, was destroyed, together with most of the contents. The principal sufferers were Colt & Libbey, C.

Markets.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 16, 1882.
Hogs are selling at \$6.75, and mess pork is firm at \$17.
Slight exchange on New York is dull. Freight to New
Orleans are at 40c. for four and 60c. for pork.

Meteorological Observations.
BY MORRIS L. LINT, OFFICE BAROMETR NO. 214 WALL STREET
FRIDAY, Dec. 17, 1882.
BUFFALO, 16 A. M.—Cloudy. Wind southwest. Mercur-

gale. Thermometer 40. Barometer 28.89. It rained very heavy during the night.
10 P. M.—Thermometer 24. Wind southwest. Blowing and snowing very hard. Barometer 29.
ROCHESTER 10 A. M.—Cloudy and warm. Wind south. Thermometer 45.
10 P. M.—Clear, cold evening. Wind northwest. Snow fell during the evening. Thermometer 23.
ALBANY 10 A. M.—Cloudy and warm. Raining hard. Wind south. Thermometer 40.
10 P. M.—Cloudy, cold evening. Wind northwest. Thermometer 34.

SYRACUSE, 10 A. M.—Dark, cloudy and rainy morning. Rain fell quite hard last night. Wind west. Thermometer 45.

10 P. M.—Cloudy. Growing cold. Strong northwest wind. Thermometer 32.

UTICA, 10 A. M.—Warm and rainy. Thermometer 55. Wind south.

10 P. M.—Wind west. Thermometer 37. Snowing a little at intervals.

ALBANY, 10 A. M.—Some snow last night. Thawing this morning. Wind south. Thermometer 43. Barometer 26.60.

Barometer 29.40. Mercury 51. Thermometer 42.

Personal Intelligence.
Arrivals at the Metropolitan.—Hon. J. G. Sevier, New Orleans; D. T. Van Buren Richmond, Va.; W. T. Coleman, San Francisco; W. H. Barksdale, St. Louis; C. S. Little, Boston; Alfred Hall, Portland; F. B. Loomis, New London; B. M. Hugh, Illinois; Wm. Miller, Washington; R. Saxley, Troy; Geo. S. Bodyard, Casanovia; Robert Townsend and family, Attorney General Chas. Field Albany; Col. J. J. Bryant, California; O. A. Burton, Burlington; Capt. S. R. Foster, Vermont; H. H. Deat, St.

At the Howard Hotel—Dr. Hatch, W. F. Faulkner, Keane, N. H., S. H. Winton, Albana; F. B. Phelps, Detroit; W. P. Sheed, Washington, D. C.; H. H. Baxt and Lady, Ohio, N. Greenough, Newburyport; J. L. Blood good, Phil.; O. H. Cooley, Springfield; W. J. Lewis, Morristown; L. G. Tibbatscon, Elmira; S. Hanna, Valaite; W. S. Proctor, G. W. Pettes, S. S. Stone, Boston; J. Lloyd, Baltimore; J. A. Poltor, Providence.

bank designated "The Farmers' and Merchant," Bank of Georgetown, District of Columbia," of the denomination of \$1's, \$2's, \$3's, and \$5's, signed by W. F. C. Cashier, and George H. Smith, President. These false *operandi* adopted for the purpose of giving these false tokens a circulation on the public (as no bank ever circulated at the place designated.) is that a broker in Wall street is called upon and asked to redeem the bills at his office and to pass to the amount of good funds in his hands. The fact of the redemption of these bills is a contradiction published in a bank note list gives the public a sense of confidence and hence they take the fraudulent money, by which means the operators in the said bills

are enabled to palm off upon the public a large amount. The broker's true red-ems up to the amount of funds in his hands, and he then stows, leaving the innocent holders the sufferers.

The police have been on the qui vive for several weeks past, in order to catch this swindler, and on the previous day last, Assistant Captain Crowe of the Twelfth ward police, took into custody a genteel looking man named Horatio Freeman charged with passing to Count St. James, of No 712 Broadway, two ten dollar spurious bills, of which the following is a copy:—

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9	10	0	0	Declaration	0	10	0
0	0	0	0	of Independence.	0	0	0
0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Nine				months after date			
The New York Exchange Bank will pay ten							
dollars to General Jackson, or bearer, at their							
Banking house, in the City of New York, July 15,							
1840.							
0	0	0	0		0	0	0
0	10	0	0		0	10	0

J. McHUGHES, President.
WILLIAM S. HALL, Cashier.

The other ten dollar bill was the same, only made payable to F. Wadsworth.

In this matter it seems, by the affidavit made by Count St. James, before Mayor Kingsland, that about the 21st of October last he went to Freeman's auction situated in 124th street near the Seventh avenue, for the term of six months, at the rent of \$112 and

On the 10th of November Freeman, in making a payment of \$25, for the rent of said premises, gave the two \$10 spurious bills, as above described; and as no such bank, issuing bills of that description was in existence, Mr. St. James caused the arrest of Freeman on the charge of passing false tokens, for the purpose of cheating and defrauding. On this charge Freeman and the two men arrested and taken before the Chief of Police. The son was subsequently discharged, and no body but the father was committed for further hearing. From the facts elicited on the arrest of Freeman, Mr. Mackellar, the Chief's clerk, and Captain Crowe ascertained the existence of other frauds on the public, re-

printing spurious bills in circulation, ranging from one dollar up to five, as follows:—

5	Vignette.	5
The Farmers' and Merchants' Bank will pay to B. C. Scott or bearer. Five dollars on demand. Georgetown, District of Columbia.		
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N. FREEMAN, Cashier.	GEORGE H. SMITH, Pres.	

In this matter Mr. John A. Faimor, a broker, doing business at No. 13 Wall street, sets forth in an affidavit taken on or about the 6th day of November last, Charles B. Huntington called on him, at his office, and said he wished to make an arrangement with him for the redeeming of the bills of the Farmers' and Merchants' Trust company, a district lot of \$100,000. Mr. Faimor informed Huntington that if he deposited \$100,000, he would give him a margin of \$500 to keep in his hands, he would redeem the said bills. At the same time Huntington represented that the bank was good, and in operation at the place designated on the bills. Huntington said he

He would call on him again during the following week. On the next interview, Huntington further said that the parties, intimating that several were engaged in the conspiracy, were raising money, and that they intended to keep a deposit of \$3,000 with Mr. Palmer, instead of keeping their funds in the bank. Huntington then gave the witness the following check:—

RAILWAY, N. J. Nov 29 1862.

• Palmer's and Merchants' Bank, of Rahway pay to
• A. B. C. or bearer, one thousand dollars.
• \$1,000. W. M. H. CLARK.

The above check was placed in a bank by Mr. Patmor for collection as the proceeds were to be applied in redeeming the notes in question. The check however, was not paid at the bank and was sent back under protest. Subsequently Mr. Patmor redeemed the check and deposited money in Mr. Patmor's hand, and a published notice then appeared that the said bills were redeemed by Mr. Patmor, in which manner the witness testifies that he redeemed about \$7,000 of the bills and stopped where not indemnified.

In addition to the above affidavit, Mr. John B. Bunt, residing in Madison avenue, above Twenty fifth street,

culture there. He was acquainted with Charles B. Huntington, and had done business with him, and in the summer of 1897 he learned from Mr. Huntington some particulars about the bill which had been introduced to take him upwards of \$600; that on the 29th or 30th of November last Huntington came to him and wanted to borrow \$300, and proposed to give for the \$300, \$600 of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Georgetown, District of Columbia. Mr. Borst asked if the money was good, and Huntington replied that the bills were good, and were redeemed at No. 13 Wall street. Mr. Borst believing the representation to be correct, let Huntington have the \$300, and took the \$600 of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, a check payable to Mr. Borst for \$600, and delivered it to Mr. Huntington.

net redeemed. Mr. Borst adds that he has since ascertained that no such bank exists as represented by Huntington and the bills in question.

Mr. Thomas F. Baker, clerk in the office of C. N. W. Thwing broker, in Wall street, testified that they had business in the way of business, \$212 of the said bills, and had placed the same in a package, and sent them to Mr. W. S. Said, Jr., engaged in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank at Georgetown, for the purpose of collecting the exchange if such a bank existed. In reply to the request, the following letter was received by Mr. Baker:

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS' BANK,
Georgetown, Dec. 13, 1892.

C. E. W. THURING, Esq.
DEAR SIR—Your favor of 16th inst., enclosing \$211 of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of this place is received. There is no such bank here, or agency. I return the notes.
Yours, &c. W. SAND, Jr.
The case now being compiled, showing the fraud practiced, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Huntington, and on Thursday assistant Captain Crows went to the office of the sheriff at Watertown, took him into custody, and also seized a lot of the fraudulent notes. The package contained \$500, and in another package several hundred dollars more of the same quality, making in all between seven and eight hundred dollars. Yesterday

Huntington was conveyed before Mayor Kingland and examined; he answered as follows:—"My name is Charles B. Huntington; I am 38 years of age, born in Geneva, N. Y.; my business is that of a note broker; in reference to the charge preferred against me, I desire a more full investigation of the charge, and will not show myself in support of any illegal action." The prisoner was remanded in default of bail. Freedman was also committed in default of bail.

United States Commissioners Court.
MURDER ON BOARD THE BRITISH SHIP ST. JAMES.
EXTRADITION OF THE MURDERER, CLAIMED UNDER

THE ASHBURTON TREATY
Before J. W. Nelson, Esq.
Dec. 17.—On the 30th of November last, as the British ship *St. James* was on the high sea and beyond twenty miles from the port of New York an altercation occurred between two of the passengers. Augustus Barr was a man of 35, a brewer and brewer's agent, of New York, the man who died subsequently at the hospital on Staten Island. Whether he was removed on the arrival of the ship at quarantine, the act having been committed on the high sea, under the British flag, our authorities could not take cognizance of it, and the extradition of the prisoner is claimed by Anthony Barclay, Esq., H. B. M.

It appears, from the depositions of Patrick O'Sullivan, an Irishman, who was passenger on board the St. James, that on the 24th Number 1st, at 11 o'clock, a man named Dreesner, who was on board, came on deck, and threatened an assault committed by Augustus Barr upon the person of another passenger, named Dreesner; Barr tripped Dreesner up as he was passing him and caused him to fall; Dreesner immediately arose, and was very much displeased with Barr, and put his hand to his neck to shove him off; previous to his doing this they had had arguments, but I did not understand what they said (they were both Germans); as soon as Dreesner put his hand on Barr's neck, and shoved him, Barr seized him by the collar of his coat, and threw him down.

about Dresden with a knife in his hand, pointing to the argument, "The knife in his hand, pointing to the argument, the other; he stabbed him in the left side, a little below the heart, I think; the knife was very broad and shown me, which has a blade about three inches long, resembles the one he used; I cannot say whether it was a severe or dangerous wound; Dresden was immediately taken to the doctor of the ship, and the doctor was horrified; both seemed to be very much irritated; the vessel was about twenty miles outside the entrance to New York harbor."

From this deposition, the Commission learned his name was John Joseph Gammendiner, that he had been in the United States for about 10 years, that he had been in custody of the United States Marshal at New York, and that he was brought up at the trial as a young man.

by not more than 18 or 20 years of age. Mr. Joseph Blunt attended as counsel for the British Consul. Mr. Lathrop stated that Mr. F. H. Tallmadge was engaged as counsel for the accused, but he was unavoidably absent on professional business. He, therefore, asked for a postponement of the case until Saturday morning, and the Commissioner granted the application.